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SUBJECT: INQUIRY RE UNDELIVERED PEANUT SHIPMENT TO CYPRIOT
FIRM

1. UNITED VIRGINIA BANK HAS REQUESTED DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE INVOLVING TRANSACTION BETWEEN ITS CLIENT, BIRDSONG STORAGE COMPANY, INC. OF SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA, AND THE SMITH FOOD GROUP, LTD. OF FAMAGUSTA. BIRDSONG EXPORTED TO CYPRIOT FIRM EXTRA LARGE SHELLED PEANUTS IN TWO CONTAINERS AND EXECUTED SIGHT DRAFT (COLLECTION NUMBER E6963) FOR DOLLARS 21,352.53. COLLECTION WAS TO BE MADE THROUGH BANK OF CYPRUS. UNITED VIRGINIA BANK REPORTS THAT ORDER HAS NOT BEEN PICKED UP, PAYMENT HAS NOT BEEN MADE AND THAT PEANUTS ARE ROTTING ON THE PIER.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY MAKE INQUIRIES TO DETERMINE STATUS OF SHIPMENT AND INTENTIONS OF SMITH FOOD GROUP, LTD. NO NAME CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR CYPRIOT FIRM BUT ADDRESS IS P.O. BOX 351, FAMAGUSTA. SISCO

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